

**Guilford
Town Green Committee
Town Hall
January 15, 2020
3:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Room, Second Floor**

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Present : Chair Jerry Silbert, Vivian Thain, John Cunningham, Fran Swietlicki, Katherine Frydenborg (3:45)
Absent : Pat Todd, Tom Pinchbeck, Grace Zimmer
Town Officials: Rick Maynard, Parks and Recreation Director (3:33)
Kevin Magee, Environmental Planner/Tree Warden
Guest : Gail Bishop, Leete's Island Garden Club

1. Call to Order At 3:38 pm, Chair Jerry Silbert called the regular meeting to order without a quorum.

2. Approve Agenda

Upon review,
Motion: John Cunningham moved to amend the Agenda to include: Review GGC Fund Balance, Request by Julian Escher re: Lafayette Trail, Review GGC Monument Policy, Grinding Tree Stumps, seconded by Vivian Thain.

At this point, Katherine Frydenborg arrived which provided a quorum.

Vote: Carried - Fran Swietlicki, John Cunningham, Vivian Thain, Jerry Silbert, Katherine Frydenborg

3. Annual Election of Officers

Upon review,
Motion: Fran Swietlicki moved to nominate and elect the following slate of officers: Jerry Silbert for Chair and John Cunningham for Vice Chair, seconded by Katherine Frydenborg.

Vote: Carried -Unanimously

4. Approval of November 20, 2019 Minutes

Upon review,
Motion: John Cunningham moved to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes as amended, seconded by Vivian Thain.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

5. Bills and Correspondence

Motion: John Cunningham moved to approve the Recording Secretary November/December invoice for \$52.50, seconded by Fran Swietlicki.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Old Business

6. Update on the plaque for the well on The Green across from St. George Church

Chair Jerry Silbert reported :

- He had reviewed the Green Committee policy on plaques with the Town Attorney. He submitted copies for members to review.
- The history plaque for the fire well millstone will be installed in the spring. Chair Silbert will contact Public Works Director Tom Fillion or Facilities Director Steve Neydorff.

7. 2020 Initiatives

Chair Silbert reported that as of June 30, 2019, the GGC Fund Balance was \$38,349. 2019 Revenue from permits for A-frame board, event signs (at north end of The Green) was \$1,150. Expenditures included fertilizer and grass seed. The supplier provided the product too late in the season so application will be done in the spring.

Chair Silbert reported that the Economic Development Commission had sent him information on a proposed project requested by a French historian Julian Escher. Mr. Escher has travelled the United States following French General Marque de Lafayette's 1824 tour of twenty four states. The tour came through Guilford and other shoreline towns. A plaque has already been placed by the Town on the house at the corner of Broad and Whitfield Streets. Mr. Escher has provided a public presentation at the Guilford Library and has a website for his non-profit organization.

Discussion reviewed the historic significance of Lafayette for Guilford and the U.S. The GGC plaque policy was also reviewed. Additional information will be obtained regarding the proposed design and potential locations.

Chair Silbert submitted for review the GGC "Placement of Privately Donated Monuments, Markers, Plaques, Benches and Memorials on The Green" and the Application for Placement and Vehicles Used for Placement.

8. Parks and Recreation (P&R) Report - Dir. Rick Maynard

Dir. Rick Maynard reported :

- Merchants have requested that the solar powered "Big Belly" trash containers, funded by local merchants, and temporarily placed for trial use on a Green sidewalk, be placed back on a storefront sidewalk.
- P& R has been able to empty the containers more often than the former removal contractor. The Economic Development Commission and Parks and Recreation Dept. will review the outcome of the trial period.

9. Tree Warden Report

Tree Warden, Kevin Magee, reported that his department will be planting trees in the spring.

Stump Removal

Discussion reviewed cost and types of stump removal. Warden Magee will obtain two quotes: one for grinding stumps and one for Parks and Recreation to remove the chips.

Upon discussion,

Motion: John Cunningham moved to send the GGC policy on "Placement of Privately Donated Monuments, Markers, Plaques, Benches and Memorials on The Green" and the Application for Placement and Vehicles Used for Placement, to First Selectman Hoey for review, seconded by Fran Swietlicki.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Chair Silbert will obtain further information on French Historian Julian Escher's nonprofit organization and sponsors.

10. New Business There was no new business.

11. Adjourn

Motion: At 4:22 pm, John Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vivian Thain.

Vote: Carried - Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Anderson Castellano
Recording Secretary